GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters - Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired - Supervisory lapses in grounding and utilization of Mini Seed Processing Units supplied under 'Seed Village Programme' and subsidy paid through RKVY Funds during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Articles of charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 218 **Dated : 30 /03/2022**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. (FAC), Appraisal Report No.44 (C.No.952/V&E/D1/2016), dt.1.5.2017.
2. Govt. Memo. No. AGST- 30/6/2017, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dt. 07.08.2017 & 05.02.2021.
3. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.II(5)23/2021, dt.30.12.2021.
4. G.O.Ms.No.21, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt. 30.03.2022.
5. G.O.Rt.No.216, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt. 30.03.2022.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired, in the reference 4th read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or mis-behaviour in support of each Articles of Charge is enclosed as Annexure-II. A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Articles of Charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure III and IV.

3. Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired, is directed to submit within (10) days of the receipt of this order, a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4 Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense(WSD) on or before the date specified in Para (3) above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

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6. The receipt of the G.O. must be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam and subsequently retired.(through the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and receive his dated acknowledgement on the duplicate copy and furnish the same to Government.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAVI KIRAN, THE THEN ASST. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE SRIKAKULAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED

Article of Charge –I

That the said Sri M.Ravi Kiran, while working as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, has failed to supervise the grounding and utilization of Mini Seed Processing Units supplied under 'Seed Village Programme' and subsidy paid through RKVY Funds to the selected RMG groups/ PACS's during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15. Due to lack of his supervision the scheme has not been implemented properly which led to a huge loss to the Government subsidy amount. Thus he has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant which attracts violation of Rule – 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF SEED PROCESSING UNITS GROUNDED:

Sl.No	Name of the Accused Officer & Designation	Mandal	Name of the Mandal Agril Officer	No. of Units grounded	unit cost (in Rs)	Subsidy (in Rs)
1	Sri M.Ravi Kiran, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam	Srikakulam	M.Usha Kumari D.Padmavathi	1	4,80,000	4,32,000
		Gara	B.V.Trinadha Rao	1	4,80,000	4,32,000
					9,60,000	8,64,000

Sd/- Dr.Poonam Malakondaiah
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST AGAINST SRI M.RAVI KIRAN, THE THEN ASST. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED

Basis of charge:

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department have conducted enquiry on the utilization of Mini Mobile Seed Processing Units sanctioned under RKVY Scheme in Srikakulam District during the year 2013-14 & 2014-15. During the year 2013-14, the Agriculture Department proposed to supply one seed processing unit to the RMGs/IKP/PACS per division where seed village plots are being organized under 90% subsidy by utilizing the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) funds. The total cost of the seed processing unit is about Rs.4,80,000/-, out of which, the subsidy borne from RKVY funds is Rs.4,32,000 (90%) and farmer groups contribution is Rs.48,000/- (10%). During the course of enquiry, it is noticed that the majority of the seed processing units supplied to the beneficiaries groups were not being utilized since grounding. And also not inspected by the concerned officers in their Jurisdiction and cause wasteful expenditure of Government funds.

Therefore, the above said officer has exhibited lack of integrity devotion to duty which attracts violation of Rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence charge.

Sd/- Dr.Poonam Malakondaiah
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAVI KIRAN, THE THEN ASST. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Appraisal Report No.44 (C.No.952/V&E/D1/2016), dated.01.05.2017 of the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Govt. of A.P.
2. The scheme Guidelines issued under Seed Village Programme and Rashtriya Krushi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.RAVI KIRAN, THE THEN ASST. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, SRIKAKULAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

- NIL-

Sd/- Dr.Poonam Malakondaiah
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